

**City of Las Vegas - Legislative Report
Council Meeting of April 18, 2007**

Bill No.	Sponsor	Status	Description
SB 198	Advisory Group to Conduct Interim Study on Lease-Purchase and Installment-Purchase Agreements by Public Entities (SB126, § 31)	<u>Government Affairs</u> : Heard Apr 9 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Authorizes various governmental entities to enter into lease-purchase agreements. (BDR 31-231)
Notes:			
SB 90	Senator Nolan	<u>Transportation and Homeland Security</u> : DECLARED EXEMPT. Heard Mar 1 - Amend and do pass as amended. Read second time Apr 12 - Amended. Rereferred to Finance Apr 12. First reprint to committee Apr 13.	Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. (BDR 19-299)
Notes:			
SB 234	City of Las Vegas	<u>Government Affairs</u> : Heard Apr 9 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Provides exceptions relating to certain contracts with private developers for construction of off-site improvements within redevelopment areas. (BDR 28-490)
Notes:			
SB 139	Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities	<u>Government Affairs</u> : Heard Mar 7 - Do pass. Read third time Apr 11 - Amended. Read third time as amended - Apr 12 - Passed as amended. Moved to Assembly Apr 13 - Referred to Assembly Government Affairs.	Revises circumstances under which interlocal contracts and cooperative agreements between local governments require action by governing body. (BDR 22-485)
Notes:			
AB 514	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	<u>Government Affairs</u> : Heard Apr 13 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Makes various changes to the Charter of the City of Las Vegas. (BDR S-1381)
Notes:			

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SENATE BILLS			
SB 123	Senator Care	<u>Government Affairs</u> : Notice of Eligibility for Exemption filed Apr 9. Heard Apr 13 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Makes various changes to provisions relating to public records. (BDR 19-462)
Notes:			
SB 450	Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security	<u>Transportation and Homeland Security</u> : Heard Apr 5 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Makes various changes to provisions relating to the regulation of oversized and overweight vehicles. (BDR 43-1140)
Notes:			
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 138	Assembly Government Affairs	<u>Government Affairs</u> : Heard Apr 11 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Expands purposes for which certain impact fees may be used. (BDR 22-477)
Notes:			
AB 288	Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick	<u>Ways and Means</u> : DECLARED EXEMPT. Scheduled for hearing Apr 17 at 9:00 am.	Makes an appropriation to the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the preservation of historical buildings at Floyd Lamb State Park. (BDR S 535)
Notes:			
AB 462	Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick	<u>Government Affairs</u> : Heard Apr 12 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Revises provisions relating to the sale or lease of real property by government entities. (BDR 26-901)
Notes:			
AB 605	Assembly Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments	<u>Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments</u> : Heard Apr 5 - Amend and do pass as amended.	Makes various changes concerning ethics in government. (BDR 23-168)
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FAILED BILLS			
AB 473	Assemblyman Segerblom	<u>Government Affairs:</u> Bill failed to make it out of committee.	Makes various changes relating to the preservation of existing neighborhoods. (BDR 22-368)
Notes:			
AB 581	Assembly Committee on Transportation	<u>Transportation:</u> Bill failed to make it out of committee.	Provides for the creation of a regional airport authority in certain counties. (BDR 44-228)
Notes:			
AB 438	Assemblyman Atkinson	<u>Government Affairs:</u> Bill failed to make it out of committee.	Revises provisions relating to outdoor advertising structures. (BDR 22-906)
Notes:			
SB 13	Senator Care	<u>Government Affairs:</u> Bill failed to make it out of committee.	Restricts local governments from enacting or enforcing certain local laws which regulate signs held, carried or displayed by persons on public sidewalks on the basis of content or viewpoint. (BDR 19-123)
Notes:			
SB 153	Senate Committee on Taxation	<u>Taxation:</u> Heard Apr 12 - Amendment proposed but failed. Bill failed to make it out of committee.	Revises provisions governing distribution of tax revenues to library districts. (BDR 32-360)
Notes:			

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From: Cedric Kerns
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2007 3:40 PM
To: Oscar B. Goodman; Gary Reese; Larry Brown - Councilman; Steve Wolfson; Steven Ross; Lois Tarkanian; Brenda Williams
Cc: Doug Selby; Betsy Fretwell; James Carmany; Toy Gregory

Dear Mayor and Council:

I understand that Judges Gregory and Brown may have already contacted some or all of you. I am also wishing to express my support for the proposal as presented by the mayor, dealing with the selecting of chief judge for the Las Vegas Municipal Court.

All of the Judges had come to an agreement to pick our chief judge by election, for two year terms. In the event of a tie, the chief judge would be picked by a flip of a coin. This agreement has been reduced to writing which I believe is in the possession of Betsy Fretwell.

Despite our agreement, the Assembly Government Affairs Committee passed AB 514 (the City's Charter amendment bill) with an amendment to rotate the municipal court chief judge every year. As a judge in Las Vegas Municipal Court of 10 years, it is my opinion that it would be a big mistake to have this bill come out as such. I will not go into detail, but I do not believe it would be appropriate to randomly choose who would serve to be the "voice" of the Municipal Court.

The Las Vegas Municipal Court has been a leader in the justice system with regard to innovation. The court was one of the first to have it's own counseling programs, it holds annual education seminars for domestic violence and DUI's, as well as has acquired grants to pay for Marshals assigned specifically for domestic violence cases. The court has established Pre-Sentence Investigation reports for sentencing on certain Domestic Violence cases, which makes us one of the few courts in the nation that has such a service on Misdemeanor cases.

This court has also established the H.O.P.E program; a program that focuses on Habitual Offenders. Recent numbers show that of all the graduates from H.O.P.E. only one has been rearrested in the city. Prior to Joining the H.O.P.E. Court the graduated defendants had been sentenced to a total of 7865 days in jail in the city of Las Vegas during their criminal career.

Due to such innovation, Las Vegas Municipal Court has been able to operate without adding a new judge in the last ten years. It is imperative that we have a chief who understands how the court functions and is willing to continue to move forward.

I am therefore asking that you please ask your legislative team to recommend a change in the language to reflect what the judges agreed. That is to have the chief judge elected for 2 year terms, with a tie being decided by a flip of a coin.

Thank you for your consideration. If you wish to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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